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Office Action Summary

Application No. 09/055,818	Applicant(s) Gutierrez-Rocca et al.
Examiner Richard L. Raymond	Art Unit 1624



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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on Mar 19, 2001.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-11 and 13-118 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above, claim(s) 53-117 is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 1-11, 13-41, and 118 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 42-52 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

a) All b) Some* c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

15) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 18) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____

16) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 19) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

17) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 7 and 8 20) Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. In view of the amendment of March 19, 2001, the Section 112 and art rejections of record have been overcome. Claims 53-117 remain withdrawn from further consideration as being drawn to a nonelected invention. Claims 1-11 and 13-41 and new claim 118 are herein allowed. Claims 42-52 are newly rejected below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. Claims 42-52 are newly rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for pharmaceutical compositions of taxanes and vehicles comprising about 5-70% by weight of a co-solubilizer, does not reasonably provide enablement compositions containing any and all vehicles. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims. Note that an unpredictable and unexpected use, absorption of taxanes, is involved. Representative exemplification for the scope of the present vehicles is not seen present.

Conclusion

3. This action is not made final in view of applicants' attempt to overcome all the issues.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard Raymond whose telephone number is (703) 308-4523. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.

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May 4, 2001



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